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Subject: RE: Emergencies Act

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There may have been a miscommunication as the following is not accurate: "The Finance Minister's office informed us that this is not the intent of the orders."

I would clarify that your members and also reiterate that the advice to Canadian financial institutions remains to review their relationships with anyone involved in the blockades and report to the RCMP or CSIS and that Canadian financial institutions are authorized to temporarily cease providing financial services where the institution suspects that an account is being used to further the illegal blockades and occupations.

That statement is all we will share at this time. We'll circle back when we have more information to share.

From: Michael Hatch <mhatch@ccua.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:27 PM
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This is what we sent out today to all credit unions across Canada.

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We have received a number of inquiries today regarding the emergency orders announced yesterday by Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and their potential impact on credit unions and their members. As you will have seen, there are numerous stories in the media as well as a great deal of rumours and speculation on what actions the government might take.

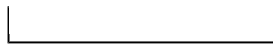
I wanted you to know that we have spoken today with senior policy staff in the Finance Minister's office regarding these concerns. First of all, all credit unions, both provincially and federally regulated, are covered by the emergency orders regarding direct funding for the ongoing demonstrations taking place across the country.

We also understand that some credit union members fear account freezing as a result of support for or association with protest participants. The Finance Minister's office informed us that this is not the intent of the orders. Minister Freeland and Finance Canada will communicate more details in the coming days regarding the precise intent of the financial component of this week's orders but stressed that they will be very targeted in nature.

Although this is a dynamic situation, below are a few initial messages you may share as appropriate with your teams based on what we know at this time:

- The government has stated that the measures will be "geographically specific and only targeted to where they are needed" to quell the protests.
- Accordingly, there is no expectation that there will be mass freezing of individual accounts.
- We expect the government to further clarify their use of the Emergencies Act powers in the next few days.

Thank you for communicating your concerns to us regarding this matter. We have elevated the sector's concerns to the highest levels of the federal government and as soon as we have more information to share, we will.



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